

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
WEAPONS TRAINING BATTALION
MARINE CORPS COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMMAND
QUANTICO, VIRGINIA 22134-5040

STUDENT OUTLINE

WEAPONS HANDLING PROCEDURES WITH A SERVICE RIFLE

TBS-M16-1001

APPROVAL _____

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1. **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

a. **TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVE:**

(1) Given a service rifle/Infantry Automatic Rifle (IAR), sling, magazines, cleaning gear, individual field equipment, and ammunition. Perform weapons handling procedures with a service rifle/Infantry Automatic Rifle (IAR) In accordance with the four safety rules. (TBS-M16-1001)

b. **ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

(1) Given a service rifle, Common Weapon Sling, magazines, cleaning gear, individual field equipment, and ammunition, place the weapon in Condition 3 in accordance with MCRP 3-01A. (TBS-M16-1001a)

(2) **Given a service rifle, Common Weapon Sling, magazines, cleaning gear, individual field equipment, and ammunition, place the weapon in Condition 1 in accordance with MCRP 3-01A.** (TBS-M16-1001b)

(3) Given a service rifle, Common Weapon Sling, magazines, cleaning gear, individual field equipment, and ammunition, place the weapon in Condition 4 in accordance with MCRP 3-01A. (TBS-M16-1001c)

2. **Determining the Condition of the Service Rifle:**

You must know the condition of your weapon at all times. Any time you take possession of a weapon, you must determine its condition:

a. Determine if a magazine is present.

b. Ensure the weapon is on safe.

c. Conduct a Chamber Check: A chamber check may be conducted at any time to determine if ammunition is present:

(1) Keeping the firing hand on the pistol grip, cant the weapon in order to observe the ejection port.

(2) With the non-firing hand grasp the charging handle.

(3) Pull back slightly on the charging handle, only enough to observe the interior of the chamber.

(4) Once the casing is observed, release the charging handle.

(5) With the non-firing hand, tap the forward assist.

3. WEAPON COMMANDS:

Weapons commands dictate the specific steps to safely load and unload the service rifle.

a. "Make a Condition 3 Weapon" is the command used to take the weapon from Condition 4 to Condition 3.

b. "Make a Condition 1 Weapon" is the command used to take the weapon from Condition 3 to Condition 1.

c. "Fire" is the command used to specify when you may engage targets.

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d. "Cease Fire" is the command used to specify when you must cease target engagement.

e. "Show Clear, Make a Condition 4 Weapon" is the command used to require a second individual to inspect the weapon before the weapon is placed into Condition 4.

4. PROCEDURES TO EXECUTE THE WEAPONS COMMANDS:

Each command has its own procedures in order to ensure safe operations and handling.

a. "Make a Condition 3 Weapon": On the command, perform the following steps to take the rifle from Condition 4 to Condition 3:

(1) Ensure the rifle is on safe.

(2) Withdraw a magazine from the magazine pouch.

(3) Observe the magazine to ensure it is filled.

(4) Fully insert the magazine into the magazine well, without releasing the magazine, tug downward on the magazine to ensure it is seated.

(5) Fasten the magazine pouch.

b. **"Make a Condition 1 Weapon"**: On the command, perform the following steps to take the rifle from Condition 3 to Condition 1:

(1) Pull the charging handle fully to the rear and release. There are two methods for chambering a round:

(a) Grip the pistol grip with the right hand and pull the charging handle with the left hand.

(b) Grip the rail cover/heat shields with the left hand and pull the charging handle with the right hand.

(2) To ensure ammunition has been chambered, conduct a chamber check.

(3) Close the ejection port cover (if time and the situation permit).

(4) Check the RCO (This check is to ensure the LaRue throw levers are secure and locked).

c. **"Fire"**: On the command "Fire," perform the following steps:

(1) Aim the rifle downrange, take the rifle off safe, and pull the trigger.

d. **"Cease Fire"**: On the command "Cease Fire," perform the following:

(1) Place your trigger finger straight along the receiver.

(2) Place the weapon on safe.

e. **"Show Clear, Make a Condition 4 Weapon"**: On the command perform the following steps to take the rifle from any condition to Condition 4:

(1) Ensure the rifle is on safe.

(2) Remove the magazine from the rifle and retain it on your person.

(3) Bring your left hand back against the magazine well so the slip ring rests in the "V" of the hand. While cupping the left hand under the ejection port, rotate the rifle so the ejection port is facing the deck.

(4) Pull the charging handle to the rear and let the round eject on the deck.

(5) Lock the bolt to the rear.

(6) Put the rifle on safe now if it would not go on safe earlier.

(7) Inspect the chamber to ensure it is empty and no ammunition is present.

(8) Have a second party inspect the rifle to ensure no ammunition is present.

(9) After receiving acknowledgement that the rifle is clear, release the bolt catch and observe the bolt going forward on an empty chamber.

(10) Close the ejection port cover.

(11) Return the ejected round to the magazine.

(12) Return the magazine to the magazine pouch and fasten the pouch.

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REFERENCES :

MCO 3574.2L MARINE CORPS MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM

MCRP 3-01A RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP

MCO 3570.1_ RANGE SAFETY